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ZAPATA'S STRONGHOLD.

An Impregnable Volcanic Crater.

[The Daily Mexican.]

The headquarters of Emiliano Zapata, the wonderful stronghold whence issue the mandates of the almost legendary rebel chieftain which keeps four sovereign states in turmoil, and from where emanate the hordes which sally forth mysteriously to pillage the towns of Temixco, Xochicalco, Xochitepec, Alpuyeca and Cuantepec, and the rich haciendas of Miacatlan, Temixco, and Puente, has been discovered.

The central camp of the Zapatist movement and forces is located high up the Jumiltepec mountain, situate in the municipality of Xochitepec, about three hours horseback distance from Cuernavaca and in the state of Morelos. The actual camp is in a sort of cup hollowed out of the extreme summit of the mountain, which must have been a volcano in the ages long ago. Here is also situated the Morelos mine, but repeated assaults and pillage have driven away the few workingmen and manager, and today the deserted spot is the place where the nucleus of the rebel activities is to be found.

Attack on the eerie stronghold, with its barren crags, stupendous precipices, narrow paths and rugged mountainside, is nonsense; and defense is a matter of ten determined men with plenty of ammunition. The whole surrounding country lies stretched out before the eye of the dark-browed leader as he stands solitary upon some lone peak gazing out towards Cuernavaca where swarm the hated government forces.

What musings fill that active brain as he measures arm for arms and strength against superior numbers!

What if the dwarfed pine trees far down the rangy sides of his fortress could, by the simple lifting of his hand, be transformed into followers!

Does he meditate over the apparent hopelessness of his cause and gnash his teeth in futile rage at the inequality of the strife?

There is only one available method of driving Zapata from his fort, formerly the scene of active mining operations in sulphur and saltpeter, which he may now use for gunpowder. By drawing cannon capable of firing a ball three miles, to the top of the next mountain, the federal artillery could drop a rain of shell into the old crater and drive Zapata out.

PANTALOONS NOT IN FAVOR.

Campaign Promises Involved.

[Guadalupe Times.]

Probably the most novel campaign promise ever made in the history of politics on this continent threatens to cause serious trouble at Tuxpan, at own on the Manzanillo line of the National Railways, in the southern part of the state.

The campaign promise in question was for the abolishment of a municipal ordinance requiring the male residents of the town to wear pantaloons, trousers or pants when appearing in public. It was made by candidates for city councilman

on the Partido Catolico ticket, and was largely responsible, according to reports, for the recent victory of of that ticket.

When the result of the municipal election became known the anti-trousers enthusiasts lost no time in discarding their pantaloons for the white cotton "calzones" that are worn by men of the laboring class throughout the rural districts and in the villages and small towns of this section of Mexico. But the director politico of Tuxpan, who presumably is a man with metropolitan ideas, refused to stand for the change, and promptly arrested those who persisted in violating the municipal ordinance. His attitude did not change when informed of the campaign promise, and the intention of the new councilmen to abolish the pantaloon ordinance.

Now the friends of the director politico are arrayed against those of the new councilmen, and a bitter feeling has developed. Governor Robles Gil has been appealed to prevent serious trouble. A detachment of state gendarmes has been sent to Tuxpan.

In this section of Mexico the usual method of showing that a town is advancing along modern lines is to prohibit the wearing of "calzones" in place of pantaloons.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE effort to pull off another revolution in Mexico seems to have some financial backing. Where is it? The Madero successful revolution of last year was said to have been financed by Standard Oil.

RECENTLY the Senate spent three days in debate over a bill to move out from the thickly populated part of the town of Chelsea, in Massachusetts, a naval magazine, the presence of which is a menace to the lives of hundreds of people. The sum of money involved was only fifteen thousand dollars.

ONE day last week Lieutenant Fields of the regular army, created a furore in Ciudad Juarez, opposite El Paso, in taking unwittingly over into Mexico a detail of soldiers under his command sent to guard a point on the line, by going on street car, travelling in the wrong direction. Some of the newspapers are disposed to carp at the young man's lack of knowledge of geography. He can retort by saying that he expected to find the Rio Grande a real river like the Hudson at West Point.

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